



# May 2012

## Narrative Skills

The ability to describe things and events and tell stories

### Building Narrative Skills

Besides discussing fictional stories, another area of narrative skills is the ability to recall learned information and directions. This month, focus on adding in some nonfiction books to your reading. Children are curious about the world around them from the pets that live in your house to the animals that live in the wild. There are many great nonfiction picture books to encourage their interest. Maybe look up how to plant a garden or work together to make a fruit salad or bake cookies. Maybe after exploring *Bug Zoo* by Nick Baker, create your own home for pillbugs. Follow the directions in *Science Rocks* to make your own butter. Enjoy doing something together.

### Narrative Skills and the Library

The Summer Reading Program, *Dream Big READ*, starts in June at the library. When your children participate, they have a chance to answer questions about the stories you have read together. Your child can recall information and share the story with someone new. They will be encouraged to revisit the story and expand on what they remember. As they answer the questions, the importance of the stories and communication is reinforced. Also they feel rewarded for spending time with a book.

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